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Idaho Milk Production Up 4.9 Percent

Idaho milk production during November 2008 totaled 997 million pounds, a 4.9 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 39 million pounds from October 2008, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. October 2008 milk production was revised to 1,036 million pounds, down 6 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in November 2008 was 1,800 pounds, down 10 pounds from November 2007. The average number of milk cows during November was 554,000 head, unchanged from October 2008 but up 29,000 head from November 2007.

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 14.0 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from November 2007. October revised production at 14.4 billion pounds, was up 1.6 percent from October 2007. The October revision represented an increase of 16 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,657 pounds for November, 3 pounds above November 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 99,000 head more than November 2007, and 6,000 head more than October 2008.

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